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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel
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FROM: [redacted]
SUBJECT: House Post Office/Civil Service Hearing
on Retirement: CIA Participation

1. On 25 April, the House Post Office/Civil Service Committee hearing on the retirement needs for special employee groups will begin at 1000 in Room 311 Cannon. I have scheduled a van to depart Headquarters at 0900. I anticipate the hearing will adjourn at around 1200.

2. The tentative hearing schedule is as follows:

GAO Representative to discuss GAO/GGD-85-22:
"Options to Consider for Certain Employee Groups in Designing the New Civil Service Retirement Program"

Panel: Herman J. Cohen, Dept. of State
Acting Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel

Robert W. Magee, CIA
Director of Personnel

Note: I have arranged with the staff for you to read your statement after Cohen reads his, then the Members will pose questions to the two of you.

Panel: Federal Bureau of Investigation
William H. Webster (or his deputy)

Federal Aviation Administration

Panel of Employee Groups (American Foreign Service Association, Firefighters and Air Traffic Controllers)

3. I explained to the staff that we could not submit a statement in advance because of our ongoing discussions with OMB. The staff understands the dilemma and invites us to give them a list of questions that we want to be asked. The intent here, of course, is to give us the opportunity to say what we want, irrespective of OMB's position. The State Department has been given the same opportunity. State has told the staff that OMB is now looking at their advance statement and may not clear everything that State wants.

4. Please let me know questions you would like Chairman Ford to pose,--questions that would open the way for you to elaborate on points of your choosing. (Also, let me know the areas that you hope the Committee avoids). The staff has shown every indication of its willingness to cooperate and to write a script for the hearing that meets our needs. Insofar as Committee-initiated questions, the staff does not plan to prepare questions for the Members.

5. It is highly unlikely that there will be any TV coverage. It appears that only Donald Devine (or maybe it's his cigar) attracts the cameras to the Civil Service Committees. If I learn otherwise, I will alert you and CRS media.

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